
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTES

March 4, 2004

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Toni Young, called the meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) to order at 10:30 a.m.

1.1 MEMBERS PRESENT and MEMBERS ABSENT

Attachment

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes – February 5, 2004

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 Semi-monthly Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Report: Area-wide Clearinghouse Listings Environmental Document Listing and Amendments to Regional Transportation Improvement Program

MOTION by Eckenrode, SECONDED by Washburn, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Energy and Environment Committee.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2004 RTP Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Ted Harris, SCAG Staff gave an overview of the comments received, responses to comments and proposed changes to the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program.

Jennifer Merrick, SCAG Staff, reviewed the Adoption of Findings. The three types of findings discussed:

- ☐ Impacts that remain after all feasible measures are applied
- ☐ Impacts that can be mitigated to less than significant
- ☐ Findings made for each alternative

The Committee recommended contextual changes in the areas of agriculture and land use measures and transportation.

MOTION by Kuiper, SECONDED by Washburn, and APPROVED by the Energy and Environment Committee. Michael Feinstein Abstained.

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6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Transportation Effects of Public Health

Andrea Hricko, USC Keck School of Medicine, briefed the Committee on the health impacts of international trade and goods movement through the region. These impacts are caused by the expansion of the ports and infrastructure throughout the region designed to move cargo to places within California and to other parts of the country. Miss Hricko noted there are significant public health impacts because the region is the gateway for goods coming in from Asia on their way to other parts of the country.

7.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

Next meeting – April 8, 2004. Topics include: State Fiscal and Bond Financing Review; Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

8.0 CHAIRS' REPORT

The Energy and Environment Committee will not meet in April to accommodate the Regional Council's adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG Staff, reported the 2004 RTP will pass conformity and SCAG is still working with federal agencies on Ventura County and the southeast desert areas.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dennis Washburn requested a presentation on the \$9 billion dollar loss of energy money and the prospects of getting it back. Michael Feinstein advised that the presentation on Santa Monica's 30 year plan to get off the grid would be available in a couple of months.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on May 6, 2004 at 9:30am during the General Assembly at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.